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Remarks

Entry of the above-noted amendments, reconsideration of the application, and allowance of all claims pending are respectfully requested. By this amendment, claims 1, 4, and 7-8 are amended. These amendments to the claims constitute a bona fide attempt by applicant to advance prosecution of the application and obtain allowance of certain claims, and are in no way meant to acquiesce to the substance of the rejections. Support for the amendments can be found throughout the specification (e.g., page 3, lines 20-33, page 4, lines 23-28, and page 6, lines 27-34), drawings (e.g., FIG. 4), and claims and thus, no new matter has been added. Claims 1, 3-4, and 6-8 are pending.

Interview on March 4, 2004:

The amendments herein follow a telephone conference between the Examiner and Robert J. Brill, applicant's attorney, and Bradley H. Valenzo, member of technical staff of applicant's attorney, on March 4, 2004 in which features of Dunphy, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,638,509; "Dunphy") and Shaath (U.S. Patent No. 6,370,545) and the claims, specification, and drawings were discussed. During the telephone conference, positive discussion was had and agreement was reached that:

- a. the amendment herein of adding "said file management software is native to the operating system" to independent claim renders claim 1 allowable over the art of record;
- b. the Examiner plans to perform additional searching and should the Examiner locate other prior art considered relevant to the claims the Examiner will telephone applicant's attorney to discuss an additional amendment if needed to render the claims allowable.

The time and courtesy afforded applicant's attorney and member of technical staff of applicant's attorney as well as the positive discussion and above-listed agreements reached, are gratefully acknowledged by applicant.

In addition, applicant has amended the remaining independent claims 4 and 7 presented herewith to recite limitations analogous to the limitation the Examiner agreed would render claim 1 allowable over the art of record. Applicant has also amended claim 8 dependent from independent claim 7 presented herewith to coordinate with the above-noted amendment to claim 7.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §103:

Claims 1, 3-4, and 6 are rejected under U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Dunphy and Shaath in view of Basic Software Algorithms by Samsung Electronics ("Samsung"), and further in view of "How OLE and COM Solve the Problems of Component Software Design" by Brockschmidt, Kraig ("Kraig"). Claims 7-8 are rejected under U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Shaath in view of Samsung and further in view of Kraig. These rejections are respectfully, but most strenuously, traversed. Applicant has amended independent claim 1 to recite "said file management software is native to the operating system." Agreement was reached during the Interview that this amendment would render claim 1 allowable over the art of record. Applicant has amended independent claims 4 and 7 presented herewith to recite limitations analogous to this amendment to claim 1.

Withdrawal of the §103 rejections and an indication of allowability of all the pending claims are respectfully requested.

For all the above reasons, the independent claims presented herewith are believed neither anticipated nor obvious over the art of the record. The dependent claims are believed

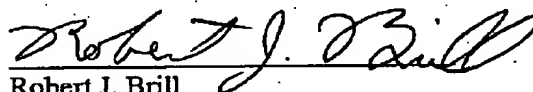
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allowable for the same reasons as the independent claims, as well as for their own additional characterizations.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, allowance of all claims pending is respectfully requested. If an additional telephone conference would be of assistance in advancing the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call applicant's attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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